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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$1,658.8 million in December 1959 to \$1,543.7 million in January 1960, a decline of about 13 percent, reflected decreases in exports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The Bureau stated, however, that the January 1960 domestic merchandise export total was about 12 percent more than the January 1959 total of \$1,384.5 million. These totals include data on exports of M.S.P. (military) shipments.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, January 1960 exports of domestic merchandise were valued at \$1,466.0 million, a level about six percent less than the December 1959 total of \$1,553.6 million but about 15 percent more than the January 1959 total of \$1,270.0 million.

Exports of finished manufactures, which accounted for the bulk of the drop in exports of domestic merchandise from December 1959 to January 1960, fell from \$935.0 to \$855.8 million. This decrease was due chiefly to declines in exports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: aircraft, parts and accessories, from \$84.5 to \$68.5 million; ammunition, components and parts, from \$28.2 to \$12.3 million; textile, sewing and shoe machinery, from \$14.7 to \$10.3 million; paper and manufactures, from \$24.0 to \$19.9 million; radio and television apparatus, from \$21.9 to \$17.9 million; and motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels, from \$8.3 to \$4.7 million. However, increases were reported in

exports of passenger cars, from \$15.9 to \$24.5 million and tractors, from \$14.4 to \$21.2 million. Exports of semimanufactures fell from \$260.0 to \$239.8 million as small decreases were reported in exports of many of the individual items included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these were rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures, from \$16.7 to \$10.6 million, and plastics and resin materials from \$26.3 to \$23.0 million.

Exports of manufactured foodstuffs dropped from \$92.3 to \$82.9 million owing chiefly to declines in exports of manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity, from \$8.4 to \$4.4 million, and wheat flour, from \$13.2 to \$9.9 million. However, exports of milled rice, also included in this economic class, rose from \$5.9 to \$10.2 million. Exports of crude foodstuffs fell from \$126.2 to \$122.4 million as a sizable drop in exports of corn from \$32.7 to \$17.8 million was largely offset by an increase in exports of wheat, from \$44.9 to \$57.0 million.

Although the decline in exports of crude materials from \$245.3 million in December 1959 to \$242.7 million in January 1960 was slight, noticeable counterbalancing changes were reported in exports of the leading commodities included in this economic class. Decreases were noted in exports of unmanufactured tobacco, from \$43.0 to \$16.9 million; oilseeds, from \$42.4 to \$24.0 million; and coal, from \$29.1 to \$21.1 million while exports of unmanufactured cotton increased noticeably from \$89.1 to \$137.5 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in exports.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated.

None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at \$100-\$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Total.....value..	¹ 1,543.7	² 1,658.8	³ 1,384.5	⁴ 1,448.6	⁵ 1,477.3
Crude materials.....value..	242.7	245.3	143.4	159.5	178.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	5.1	4.4	3.9	5.2	4.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	152,166	158,718	119,609	120,904	92,427
value..	10.5	11.0	10.1	9.3	8.0
Oilseeds.....value..	24.0	42.4	23.2	26.4	18.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	23,072	57,518	27,469	38,801	40,191
value..	16.9	43.0	20.1	28.9	29.5
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	1,144	777	250	333	398
value..	137.5	89.1	30.0	37.7	55.1
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	2,150	3,011	3,323	3,251	4,381
value..	21.1	29.1	33.6	31.5	43.8
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	264	258	352	210	362
value..	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.6	1.2
All other crude materials.....value..	26.9	25.8	21.5	20.0	17.9
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	122.4	126.2	129.9	120.3	106.6
Corn.....1,000 bu..	13,614	25,920	16,362	18,250	14,986
value..	17.8	32.7	21.5	23.8	19.7
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	33,502	26,940	35,084	29,712	27,520
value..	57.0	44.9	60.2	51.0	47.5
Other grains.....value..	24.0	24.0	30.6	23.1	19.9
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	142,361	124,781	116,636	141,027	118,444
value..	8.2	7.5	6.0	7.9	6.1
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	122,017	120,007	90,838	125,300	110,949
value..	9.0	9.5	6.3	9.0	8.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	5.9	7.2	5.2	5.2	4.3
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	82.9	92.3	78.6	89.7	91.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	30,696	31,316	26,297	29,244	19,702
value..	8.5	9.0	8.4	8.8	6.9
Lard.....1,000 lb..	68,800	36,585	42,149	50,347	32,404
value..	6.2	3.5	5.0	5.0	4.4
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	20,303	21,924	26,860	40,548	40,495
value..	5.6	6.9	5.4	7.9	8.4
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	6,573	5,450	2,401	5,670	3,437
value..	1.8	1.5	0.8	1.9	1.3
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	169	94	69	125	103
value..	10.2	5.9	5.3	8.3	8.0
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	2,805	3,721	2,384	2,236	2,259
value..	9.9	13.2	9.5	8.5	9.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	4.4	3.7	2.8	3.4	3.6
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	19,068	15,390	6,776	11,654	16,305
value..	4.0	3.3	1.9	2.7	3.4
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	18,035	15,311	9,613	29,003	30,514
value..	2.7	2.3	1.7	4.4	4.7
Fruit juices, canned and frozen.....1,000 gal..	2,971	1,984	2,561	2,676	3,024
value..	3.5	2.4	3.5	3.6	3.9
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	33,294	33,026	58,823	57,600	66,807
value..	4.3	4.7	8.3	8.6	10.6
Sugar and related products.....value..	1.6	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.0
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	4.4	8.4	10.4	9.0	12.6
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	15.7	25.4	13.7	15.7	12.3
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	239.8	260.0	189.2	205.2	189.8
Leather.....value..	2.3	3.0	1.9	2.2	2.1
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	65,594	73,002	39,787	54,784	36,716
value..	17.0	19.2	10.8	14.2	9.8

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶ —Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	7.3	4.7	2.5	3.7	3.0
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	73,361	52,288	70,071	72,440	28,801
.....value..	7.4	5.3	7.8	8.0	3.5
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	32,724	33,607	25,491	29,090	24,573
.....value..	4.5	4.7	3.9	4.2	3.8
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	10,901	11,281	9,206	12,244	9,392
.....value..	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.9	1.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	13,501	19,676	8,724	12,014	9,105
.....value..	10.6	16.7	7.0	9.2	7.1
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	64,823	76,662	48,454	65,606	60,626
.....value..	7.9	8.9	5.3	7.5	6.5
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	69	81	53	54	43
.....value..	9.8	11.4	7.8	7.9	6.5
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	2,509	2,125	4,128	2,833	3,325
.....value..	6.7	6.2	10.4	7.7	9.8
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	116	161	67	134	131
.....value..	2.9	4.0	1.7	3.3	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.4	1.3
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	16,456	11,267	13,111	1,182	20,516
.....value..	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.2	2.0
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	89,417	74,438	129,578	83,486	157,053
.....value..	12.3	9.8	13.8	9.9	15.0
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	74,982	83,251	91,175	76,642	82,386
.....value..	6.2	6.7	7.4	6.1	6.5
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	15.0	24.4	8.9	15.7	10.3
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	13.7	13.3	3.6	6.4	3.6
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	8.8	4.9	13.4	8.4	16.9
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	11.8	13.1	9.4	8.7	8.4
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	63,593	70,692	50,513	57,839	46,971
.....value..	23.0	26.3	18.9	21.5	17.4
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	26.9	29.5	18.4	21.2	17.9
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	69,622	65,098	59,419	55,824	52,048
.....value..	6.7	6.8	5.7	5.6	5.1
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	62,532	138,356	107,731	112,061	105,897
.....value..	2.0	3.7	2.9	3.0	2.9
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	32.6	33.3	24.6	27.3	25.3
Finished manufactures.....value..	855.8	935.0	843.3	873.9	910.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	145	108	101	92	102
.....value..	4.4	3.4	4.6	3.8	4.7
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	8.2	9.0	7.7	8.1	7.8
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,442	1,663	1,350	1,631	1,506
.....value..	6.1	7.2	5.7	7.0	6.4
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd..	847,468	844,436	842,403	839,357	841,744
.....value..	812.8	813.7	810.6	810.7	811.3
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	7.0	8.6	6.1	7.9	8.1
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	12.1	14.4	10.7	12.9	12.4
Other textile manufactures.....value..	5.4	6.1	4.5	5.4	4.8
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	19.9	24.0	19.3	19.5	18.3
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	4.7	8.3	7.5	8.1	11.0
Lubricating oil.....value..	16.0	18.1	14.0	15.2	15.5
Glass and products.....value..	6.7	7.0	6.3	7.0	6.6
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	12.3	8.7	13.1	11.3	19.9
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	32.2	35.2	33.5	37.1	40.0
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	23,611	31,010	24,426	28,871	32,383
.....value..	3.8	5.0	4.0	4.5	4.9
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	17.9	21.9	20.6	21.0	23.3
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	52.3	57.1	45.6	54.0	56.8
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	17.6	22.1	20.5	20.6	19.2
Construction, excavating, mining and related machinery.....value..	55.6	59.1	49.2	57.5	58.1
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	13.1	12.0	15.1	12.8	14.5
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	11.4	15.3	14.1	13.2	13.8
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	10.3	14.7	7.8	9.0	7.9
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	73.3	78.6	65.1	70.8	75.6

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JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures--Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	14.1	16.9	12.2	12.1	11.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	9.8	8.8	8.5	12.0	10.3
Tractors.....number..	5,270	4,698	3,515	5,313	4,183
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	21.2	14.4	13.1	17.7	15.8
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	11.5	11.6	9.2	11.9	10.1
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....value..	12,215	9,507	12,395	13,495	12,322
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	24.8	21.3	22.6	26.7	24.7
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....value..	11,684	7,481	10,897	8,699	10,203
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	24.5	15.9	25.1	18.3	21.6
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	51.1	49.3	42.1	44.4	39.3
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	7.2	98.3	910.1	9.6	918.1
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	68.5	84.5	66.0	64.1	81.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....value..	7	5	8	11	11
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	0.9	0.2	19.1	7.5	6.3
Antibiotics.....value..	12.4	10.2	12.1	8.6	17.4
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	5.8	5.8	5.1	5.7	5.5
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	16.2	19.4	17.1	17.9	17.7
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	2.7	4.4	3.0	2.4	6.4
Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	12.3	28.2	13.2	16.7	15.6
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	35.8	38.5	53.2	46.8	42.2
Category Type 1 ⁶value..	128.0	9141.2	9120.8	127.7	9121.0

¹Includes \$77.7 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$25.8 million to Western Europe).

²Includes \$105.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$63.0 million to Western Europe).

³Includes \$114.5 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$42.8 million to Western Europe).

⁴Includes \$102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$54.9 million to Western Europe).

⁵Includes \$128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$58.6 million to Western Europe).

⁶See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. ⁷For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. ⁸Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. ⁹Figures are revised to correct erroneous inclusion of data for Schedule B commodity number 79080 (Commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new) in the totals for "All other finished manufactures" rather than "Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new" in the issues of Report No. FT 930-E for periods prior to January 1960.

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